



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023

Inyo National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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| Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS | - Regulations, Directives, Orders | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020 | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions . | | | | |
| Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED* | - Regulations, Directives, Orders | In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2023 | Expected: 01/2023 | 02/2023 | Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov |
| | Description: Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The direction in the SEIS will apply to use of aerially delivered fire retardant on all National Forest System land. | | | | |

R5 - Pacific Southwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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| Region 5 Post-Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project EA | - Recreation management - Fuels management - Road management | In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/11/2022 | Expected:07/2022 | 07/2022 | Laura Hierholzer 707-562-8949 laura.hierholzer@usda.gov |
| | Description: Hazard tree felling and removal is proposed to reduce public safety hazards along portions of certain roads, trails and facilities within nine national forests. We expect to complete three zone-level analyses and nine decisions. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60950 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Lassen National Forest All Units, Mendocino National Forest All Units, Six Rivers National Forest All Units, Sequoia National Forest All Units, Plumas National Forest All Units, Shasta Trinity National Forest All Units, Klamath National Forest All Units, Sierra National Forest All Units, Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Kern, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mendocino, Mono, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Certain national forest roads, trails and facilities within recent fire areas. | | | | | |

| Inyo National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest) | | | | R5 - Pacific Southwest Region | |
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| Eastern Sierra Fire Restoration and Maintenance Project CE *UPDATED* | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management | In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2019 | Expected:04/2023 | 05/2023 | Chance Traub 760-873-2430 chance.traub@usda.gov |
| | Description: Restore and maintain fire regimes to vegetation types characterized by frequent to moderate fire return intervals using prescribed fire and wildfires managed for resource benefit. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56291 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The non-wilderness portions of the Inyo National Forest outside the White or Inyo Mountains. | | | | |
| Inyo NF Personal Use Fuelwood Program Area Assessment CE | - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Scott Kusumoto 760-924-5522 scott.kusumoto@usda.gov |
| | Description: Assessment of Inyo NF Personal Use Fuelwood Program Open areas | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55238 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest-wide assessment. | | | | |

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| Inyo National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation EIS *UPDATED* | - Recreation management | Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 03/2023 | Expected:03/2025 | 08/2025 | Erin Noesser 760-873-2449 erin.noesser@usda.gov |
| | Description: The Inyo National Forest is evaluating its management of over snow vehicle (OSV) use. The purpose of this project is to designate system roads, trails and areas where OSV use will be allowed, in compliance with 36 CFR 212, Subpart C. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61466 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Madera, Mono, Tulare. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Will review the entire portion of the Inyo National Forest that has adequate snowfall for OSV use. Will exclude areas where OSV use is already prohibited, such as Wilderness and RNAs. | | | | |
| Permit Reissuances - Ongoing, various permit types CE | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 12/10/2018 | Expected:06/2026 | 06/2026 | Erin Noesser 760-873-2449 erin.noesser@usda.gov |
| | Description: Ongoing and continuous reissuance of various special use authorizations. Examples of these are resorts, research activities, utilities and events. For further information on any specific permit or permitted activities, contact Erin Noesser. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55278 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California, Nevada. COUNTY - Fresno, Inyo, Madera, Mono, Esmeralda, Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Over the entire Inyo National Forest. | | | | |

| Inyo National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) | | | | R5 - Pacific Southwest Region | |
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| Cottonwood Creek and Owens River Headwaters Wild and Scenic Management Plans EA *UPDATED* | - Special area management | In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 10/20/2022 | Expected:03/2023 | 04/2023 | Adam Barnett 760-873-2461 adam.barnett@usda.gov |
| | Description: Developing a Wild and Scenic River Management Plan for two designated rivers: Cottonwood Creek in the White Mountains and the Owens River Headwaters. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57325 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District, Mono Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Owens River Headwaters, including Deadman and Glass Creeks, in Mono County, from the headwaters to the private land boundary downstream of Hwy 395, and Cottonwood Creek in the White Mountains. | | | | |

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| Inyo National Forest Mammoth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | R5 - Pacific Southwest Region | | | | |
| Airport Pit Disposal Site Permit Renewal CE | - Special use management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sheila.iron@usda.gov |
| | Description: Reissuance of special use permit to the Town of Mammoth Lakes for operation of clean waste disposal at the Airport Pit | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47812 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mammoth Airport Pit. | | | | |
| Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project EA *UPDATED* | - Fuels management - Climate Change Adaptation | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/18/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2023 | Expected:05/2024 | 09/2024 | Erin Noesser 760-873-2449 erin.noesser@usda.gov |
| | Description: Project collaboration website link: https://www.eswildfirealliance.org/escrnp. Approx. 56,000 acre forest restoration project around the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Activities may include thinning of live and dead trees, pile burning, mechanical and hand. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61827 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Roughly 56,000 acres surrounding the Town of Mammoth Lakes. From Deadman Creek in the north to Laurel Creek in the south. | | | | |
| Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge Redevelopment EIS *UPDATED* | - Recreation management - Special use management | In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 11/14/2022 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2023 | Expected:11/2024 | 06/2025 | Tyler Lee 719-310-0973 tyler.lee@usda.gov |
| | Description: Mammoth Mountain proposes redeveloping its Main Lodge area on private land, with related development on adjacent National Forest lands. Joint CEQA/NEPA analysis. Proposed construction/reconstruction of parking lots,buildings,chairlifts and ski runs. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62406 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge area. | | | | |

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| Inyo National Forest Mammoth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | R5 - Pacific Southwest Region | |
| Vista Towers, multi-carrier facility at Little Antelope Communication Site CE | - Special use management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sheila.iron@usda.gov |
| | Description: Placement of multi-carrier building and tower at the Little Antelope Communications Site Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47317 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - MDB&M, T. 3S., 28E., Sec 33. Little Antelope Communications Site, north of the Mammoth Yosemite Airport. | | | | |

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| Inyo National Forest Mono Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | R5 - Pacific Southwest Region | |
| Driveway permit to private residence located in the Peterson Tract, June Lake Area CE | - Special use management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sheila.iron@usda.gov |
| | Description: Issuance of a special use authorization for driveway for private residence Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47810 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Mono Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. June Lake Loop, between Highway 158 and private property located in Peterson Tract. | | | | |

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| Inyo National Forest Mount Whitney Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | R5 - Pacific Southwest Region | |
| Kern Plateau Meadow Restoration Project CE | - Watershed management | In Progress: Scoping Start 08/10/2022 | Expected:05/2023 | 06/2024 | Todd Ellsworth 760-873-2457 todd.ellsworth@usda.gov |
| | Description: Restore degraded habitat across 13 meadow complexes in and around Golden Trout Wilderness Area. Includes maintenance of exiting and placement of new instream restoration treatment structures to reconnect incised stream channels to the floodplain. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62408 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Mount Whitney Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Kern. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 13 meadows in the Kern Plateau area of the Inyo National Forest, from Monache Meadows in the South to Horseshoe Meadow in the North. Mostly within the Golden Trout Wilderness. | | | | |

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| Inyo National Forest | Mount Whitney Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | R5 - Pacific Southwest Region | |
| Thacher School Term Permit Reissuance for Golden Trout Wilderness School | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 02/02/2019 | Expected:04/2023 | 06/2023 | Julie Hall 760-217-6284 julie.hall2@usda.gov |
| CE *UPDATED* | Description: Reissuance of a ten year term permit to The Thacher School for operation and maintenance of Golden Trout Wilderness School in the Golden Trout Wilderness. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52420 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Mount Whitney Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - T16.5S R35E Section 33 and T17S R35E Section 3 as shown on the Cirque Peak, California 7.5 minute USGS Topographic Map. UTM Zone 11, 394616mE, 4038284mN. . On Cottonwood Creek in the Golden Trout Wilderness at a location just south of the John Muir Wilderness. The camp is roughly 2.5 miles north of the Horseshoe Meadow Trailhead. | | | | |

| Inyo National Forest White Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | R5 - Pacific Southwest Region | | |
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| Coyote Flat OHV Recreation Enhancement EA *UPDATED* | - Recreation management - Road management | In Progress: Scoping Start 07/12/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2023 | Expected:10/2023 | 06/2024 | Dannon Dirgo 760-873-2561 dannon.dirgo@usda.gov |
| | Description: Improve road and motorized trail management in the Coyote Flat area. Repair system roads for safety and resource protection, review travel management decision in this area and adjust if needed for resource protection and recreation enhancement. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61311 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Coyote Flat area, Southeast of the City of Bishop. | | | | |
| LADWP Long Valley Pole Removal and Pole Replacement Project CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2023 | Expected:09/2023 | 12/2023 | Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sheila.iron@usda.gov |
| | Description: LADWP Utility Maintenance Project:1)removal of poles & replacement of poles in one line and 2)removal of poles & rehab in second line, 3)relinquish poles | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56523 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. LADWP locations of distribution line maintenance work is on a combination of LADWP and INF lands, staring at the Upper Gorge power plant down to the Long Valley Dam, on the White Mtn. Ranger District. | | | | |

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| Inyo National Forest White Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | R5 - Pacific Southwest Region | | |
| Mineral County Roads Management Project CE *UPDATED* | - Road management | In Progress: Scoping Start 05/17/2022 | Expected:07/2023 | 10/2023 | Casey Shannon 760-873-2407 casey.shannon@usda.gov |
| | Description: Add approximately 0.9 mi of established, non-system road as a motorized trail. Install OHV barriers to block non-system roads, install rolling dips on 10 roads to reduce erosion, re-shape and harden two system roads (O1N131, 02N115. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60447 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Nevada. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East side of the White Mountains in Mineral County, Nevada. | | | | |
| Southern California Edison Control-Silver Peak 55kV Reliability Project CE | - Special use management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sheila.iron@usda.gov |
| | Description: Installation of remote fault indicators, packet routers, and installation of remote switches along with poles replacements. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54262 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Silver Canyon, east of Bishop, CA. | | | | |
| Starlite water tank and pipeline permit reissuance CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | Cancelled | N/A | N/A | Rosalie Herrera 760-873-2455 rosalie.herrera@usda.gov |
| | Description: Reissue a 20 year permit for an existing 50,000 gallon water storage reservoir and pipeline, used by the community of Starlite. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55023 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - T7S, R31E, Sections 23 and 27. Directly south of the community of Starlite, which is east of Bishop, California. | | | | |

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